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Newsletter

"THERE IS A CLEAR AND EFFECTIVE WELFARE AND DISCIPLINE SYSTEM"

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Welcome 2011 Year 7

Macksville High School (MHS) welcomed 112 students to Year 7 this year. At the Year 7 assembly held in the stadium, Principal, Paul Holding and Deputy Principal, Graeme Goodman, welcomed students and spoke to them about what they could look forward to over the next six years at high school. They spoke about how to take advantage of all that MHS has to offer, to respect and care for each other and to get involved in the new opportunities that will come their way. Many Year 7 students have come from small primary schools in the Valley so the size of their new year may have seemed daunting but it was nothing compared to the first major assembly with the entire student population of nearly 650.

There was a lot to remember with new class names and roll call groups but students settled in well changing classrooms every lesson and finding their way around the school. Teachers will monitor the student's progress over the coming weeks and changes can be made to classes if required to better suit each individual.

Students can look forward to excursions coming up in the year where they will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of sporting activities and spend time getting to know each other away from the classroom.

If any parent/carer has any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school. Your first point of call will be the Year 7 Adviser, Mrs Elizabeth O'Sullivan, your child's teachers or Deputy Principal, Graeme Goodman. Our Community Liaison Officer, Mrs Lynette Howle is also available to speak to parents and the office staff are more than happy to help with any general enquiries - please call 65681066.

IMPORTANT DATES

February

- 9..... Swimming Carnival
- 10..... Yr9 Laptop Evening
- 16..... Smart Rugby training/accred.
- 16..... Zone Swimming—Kempsey
- 17..... BER Recognition Ceremony
- 21 –24 Yr11 Marine Dive
- 25..... Zone Touch—Bowraville
- 23..... North Coast Rugby 7's
- 24..... Yr7 & 10 Immunisation

March

- 7 –8 Yr7 Activity Day
- 7.....Yr7 & Yr12 Parent/Teacher night
- 14 –17 Yr11 Marine Dive
- 17..... CSIRO Gene Technology
- 19..... LNC Open Boy's Football (soccer)
- 24..... Bach to the Future-music perform.

28—April 1Yr12 Exams

April

- 4—8 Yr12 Exams
- 4—8 Yr10 Work Experience
- 8..... Last Day Term 1
- 26..... Anzac Day Public Holiday
- 27..... Staff Development Day pupil free
- 28..... Term 2 begins—students return

OPEN INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS

**Opening Ceremony
New School Language Centre
Thursday February 17 2011
at 10:00am**

**Morning tea will be served
RSVP required . . . please contact
the School on 6568 1066**

- Keep an eye out for "Where are they now".....more news on our 2010 HSC students to come
- Year 12 Parent Information evening coming soon.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP VACANCIES

As atFebruary 1 If any students are interested in any of the Traineeships listed below, please contact your Year Adviser for more information.

Nambucca Valley	
Business	
Employer:	Beyond Empathy
No of positions:	1
Qualification:	Certificate II in Business SbT
RTO:	North Coast TAFE or School
How to apply:	Application Package
Information Technology	
Employer:	Computer Technology Centre
No of positions:	1
Qualification:	Certificate II in Information Technology SbT
RTO:	North Coast TAFE or School
How to apply:	Application Package
Retail	
Employer:	Nambucca Heads Newsagency
No of positions:	1
Qualification:	Certificate II in Retail SbT
RTO:	North Coast TAFE or School
How to apply:	Application Package

YEAR 9 LAPTOPS

Year 9 2011 laptops have arrived. There will be a parent/student information night on Thursday February 10 starting at 6pm.

All parents are encouraged to attend as the contract has been changed.

Students will not be issued with a laptop until the TSO—Deslie—has spoken to a parent.

For more details please contact the TSO—Deslie Howe on 65681066

SWIMMING CARNIVAL—February 9

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The 2011 School Swimming Carnival will be held all day at the Macksville Pool.

DONT FORGET TO WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS

- All buses will drop off and pick up students from the pool.
- Various levels of participation from fun events to serious swimming will take place.
- This year we will introduce the 100 metres, breast, back and butterfly as required for Zone level and above.
- Don't forget to bring hat/sunscreen/towel and plenty of water.
- Food is available at the pool.
- **ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO VOLUNTEER ON THE DAY**

And lastly swim safe and have fun, any inquiries please contact Mr Grant Gough, Sports Coordinator on 65681066.

Newsletter Article – End of Year Literacy Program Party



The National Partnerships Literacy Program has seen students throughout the year work really hard to improve their skills. They were rewarded with an end of year party and sausage sizzle.

Comprising Year 8 students, the program enables improved learning skills in reading, writing, spelling and comprehension. Classes are held once a fortnight with intensive lessons in areas that students have been identified as showing a weakness. Those who participated stayed motivated and focused. In its first year a marked improvement particularly in spelling and punctuation was seen.

Well done to everyone involved.

QUICKSMART AND THE LITERACY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

In 2010 some Year 8 students were identified through a detailed analysis of NAPLAN data, as students who would benefit from attending the numeracy program, Quicksmart, and the literacy enrichment program.

The students who participated in 2010 have shown great improvement in their numeracy and literacy skills at all levels. We are pleased to let you know that these successful programs will continue in 2011, however, there will be fewer students involved this year.

Selected students in Year 9 will be invited to be involved in these programs in Term 1 and small groups of Year 8 students will participate in the programs Term 2. Details will be sent to you next week if your child has been selected.

Jane Pearce

CANTEEN PRICE LIST - 2011

Prices are subject to change and orders can be made in the morning or recess.

Small Hot Cheese & Ham Roll	\$1.00
Hot Cheese Roll	\$1.50
Pizza	\$2.20
Chiko Roll	\$2.50
Chicken Breast Royal	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$2.60
Hot Dog	\$3.00
Plain Pie (lunch only)	\$3.20
Cheese and Spinach Pastie or Roll	\$3.20
Half Cheese Lavish Roll	\$2.50
Ham/Cheese Salad Roll	\$3.00
Sauce	.20c
Chicken and Gravy Roll (winter only)	\$4.00
Hash browns (winter only)	2 for \$1.00
Fruit Salad	\$2.50

ORDERS ONLY

Chicken Burger	\$3.50
Sweet Chilli Chicken Burger	\$3.50
Chicken Breast Royal on Roll	\$3.50
Hamburger	\$4.00
Spinach & Ricotta Burger	\$4.00
Chicken Lavish Roll (plain)	\$5.00
Chicken Lavish Roll (Spinach or Sun dried tomato)	\$6.00
Chicken Salad Bowl	\$5.50
Lasagna	\$3.50

SANDWICH

Ham Salad	\$3.00
Cheese Salad	\$3.00
Chicken, Lettuce, Mayo	\$3.50
Toasted Sandwiches Made to Order	

DRINKS

Cans	\$2.50	600ml Plain	\$1.50
Water	\$1.50	300ml Flavoured	\$2.00
Poppers	\$1.50	500ml Flavoured	\$3.50
100% OJ Juice	\$1.20	Yoghurt	\$1.50

MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL—2011 CONTRIBUTIONS AND YEARLY ELECTIVE SUBJECT CHARGES

Voluntary Contribution:

Years 7 & 8	\$45.00
Years 9 & 10	\$45.00
Years 11 & 12	\$55.00

Music Instrument Hire:

All Years – per term \$15.00 (*Band is optional*)

YEAR 7	\$	YEARS 9 & 10	\$	YEARS 11 & 12	\$
Music	10.00	Agriculture	15.00	Construction (Year 11)	30.00
Indonesian	5.00	Art	30.00	Design & Technology	35.00
Technology	45.00	Automotive	parts only	(+ materials)	
		Child Studies	10.00	Drama	10.00
		Digital Media (CAPA)	10.00	Food Technology (Year 11)	50.00
		Drama	20.00	Hospitality (Year 11 & 12)	60.00
		Food Technology	60.00	Metals & Engineering	50.00
		Graphics Technology	50.00	Music	12.00
		Indonesian	5.00	Photography	70.00
YEAR 8:	\$	Information/Software Tech	20.00	Visual Arts (Year 11)	30.00
Art	20.00	Metal	60.00	Visual Arts (Year 12)	10.00
Technology	40.00	Music	12.00	IT — Wood	80.00
		Photography (TAS)	60.00	Agriculture	30.00
		Timber 1	70.00		
		Timber 2	75.00		

Payment may be made by cash, cheque or Eftpos.
We are UNABLE to accept MONEY ORDERS

Students may pay fees at the School Office BEFORE ROLLCALL, at
RECESS or LUNCHTIME

Parents may pay fees during office hours 8.30am—3.30pm

FEES MAY BE PAID YEARLY, HALF YEARLY OR EACH TERM

NOTICES

CANTEEN ROSTER

February

Monday	7	S Compton, A Pope
Tuesday	8	M Lavery
Wednesday	9	Swimming Carnival
Thursday	10	Helpers Needed
Friday	11	G Welsh
Monday	14	S Compton, R Aitken
Tuesday	15	H Jaeger, C Osgood
Wednesday	16	Helpers Needed
Thursday	17	D Jackson, J Martin
Friday	18	Helpers Needed
Monday	21	S Compton, Helper Needed

The canteen is looking for helpers to volunteer 1 day per month to help make lunches and serve drinks etc. as we are under-staffed. If anybody is able to help out please ring Roslyn on 6568 1453.

The first MHS P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday February 22 2011.
This meeting will be held at 6.30pm at the Macksville Chinese Restaurant to celebrate the New Year and hopefully some new faces.
Dinner and drinks to be at own cost. All new parents are welcome to attend.



“SECOND HAND UNIFORMS PLEASE”

Donations are **URGENTLY NEEDED** of unwanted uniforms for the schools clothing pool. If you have any second hand uniforms please send them in with students or they can be dropped off at the front office. Any items would be greatly appreciated.

ZENRYOKU MARTIAL ARTS

All new Year 7 & 8 students train free in February.

Macksville Senior Citizens Hall Monday 6:00pm Thursday 6:30pm

DID YOU KNOW?....

The Macksville High School website has useful information for parents and students covering:

- Curriculum;
 - The N Award Process;
 - Academic Opportunities;
 - Scholarships & Awards;
 - Student Health;
 - Laptop Information;
 - Aboriginal Education;
 - MHS Policies; ;
 - 2010 Yr10 Photos;
 - 2010Yr10 Qld Excursion photos;
 - 2010 Yr12 Graduation photos
 - Past and present Newsletters
- and more.....log on to: www.macksville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

MYFUTURE VIDEO COMPETITION—to February 28 2011....Enter the myfuture Video Competition for the chance to win \$7500 and show off your creativity. All you need to do is create a video profiling an occupation that interests you. The myfuture Video Competition is open for entries from young people aged 12-25. Visit www.myfuture.edu.au<<http://www.myfuture.edu.au>> for further information.

NAMBUCCA STRIKERS 2011

Nambucca Strikers registration days for 2011 season -

Date:	Time:	Location:
Saturday Feb. 5	9am—12 noon	Nambucca Plaza
Saturday Feb. 12	9am—12 noon	Nambucca Plaza

Pre-season training has started for all players 15 and over. All players in that age group interested in playing for the Nambucca Strikers this season come along to Coronation Park, Monday nights at 6pm. Have a kick and prepare for the coming season.

MACKSVILLE SOCCER CLUB

Mackville Soccer Club is holding its registration days for the 2011 season on Saturdays 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th February at the North Macksville Playing Fields from 9:00am to 12:00pm

2011 Registration Fees are 6 & 7 years: \$110.00; 8 & 9 years: \$115.00; 12—15 years: \$170.00; 16—18 years third division: \$220.00.

We are offering a \$10.00 discount off the fees if you register on one of the registration days.

We welcome new players of all ages so please come and join us for what promises to be a very exciting year!

DRINK? DON'T SINK! LAUNCH DAY

Drink? Don't Sink! Kicks off at 10:00am on Saturday February 12 next to the Entertainment Centre in Ridge St. Nambucca Heads.

There will be a free sausage sizzle, competitions and live music to celebrate the start of this exciting new project. Binge drinking and alcohol misuse is a community issue so come along, have a look at some great information and see how you can help reduce the impact of alcohol in your town. For more information contact Project Officer Kat Wickman on 6568 0223.